

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 131. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-922. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Appalachian Regional Commission; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-923. A communication from the Director, Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for the year ending March 1, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-924. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-925. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Space Vehicle and Test Flight Activities from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California" (RIN0648-AX08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-926. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation Report: Energy Conservation Standards Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-927. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material from Honduras" (RIN1505-AC11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-928. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-929. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Acquisition Regulation: Miscellaneous Clarifications and Corrections" (RIN3206-AL66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-930. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; 2007 Interim Adjustments: Puerto Rico" (RIN3206-AL65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-931. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-19, "Disclosure to the United States District Court Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-932. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-20, "Metropolitan Police Department Subpoena Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-933. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-21, "Library Kiosk Services Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-934. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-22, "Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-935. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-936. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of change in previously submitted reported information in the position of Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-937. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in acting role in the position of Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-938. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of change in previously submitted reported information in the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-939. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in acting role in the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-940. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to data-mining activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 555. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 556. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to modernize the process by which interstate firearms transactions are conducted by Federal firearms licensees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 557. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 558. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to nutrition labeling of food offered for sale in food service establishments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 559. A bill to provide benefits under the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program for certain periods before the implementation of the program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER,